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Dear Mr. Blohm:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Light Goose Management Plan (CEQ Document # 20070295). Our review is pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

The final EIS evaluates modifying harvest regulations and refuge management for high populations of light geese in order to reduce adverse impacts to arctic and sub-arctic habitats and reduce the likelihood of transmission of avian cholera to nearly 100 other species of birds, some of which may be threatened or endangered. Based on our review of the draft EIS, EPA expressed a lack of objections (LO rating) to the proposed action due to its overall environmental benefit. Based on our review of the final EIS, EPA continues to have no objections to the action as proposed.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this FEIS. Should you have any additional questions please contact Matt Harrington of my staff at (202) 564-7148.

Sincerely,

Anne Norton Miller
Director
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